





# Chad's capital split in two by opposing armies

PARIS, Feb. 13 (Agencies)—Chad Prime Minister Hissene Habre's forces appeared to control half the capital city of N'djamena Tuesday after 24 hours of street fighting with troops loyal to President Felix Malloum, well-informed French sources said.

The Sudan News Agency reported Tuesday that Habre was leading his troops.

The French sources reported an intensification of the fighting which broke out Monday when Habre attempted to stage a coup d'etat.

The Chad capital was cut off from the outside world after the central telephone exchange was damaged in the battle.

Monday N'djamena radio was put off the air when its transmitters were destroyed.

The fighting, which reportedly caused several deaths, amounted to a renewed outbreak of the protracted civil war between the sub-Saharan country's northern districts, populated by Muslims, and its Christian and animist south.

Habre led the Libya-backed Frolinat guerrillas in the north until last year, when he split with the rebels and accepted Malloum's offer to join his government as prime minister. But the two men have feuded constantly over government policy, and observers have seen fresh conflict in the former French colony as inevitable.

Sources in the Chad capital said the French garrison in the country, which includes a force of Jaguar warplanes to help Malloum withstand the rebellion, did not intervene in Monday's street fighting.

The foreign community suffered no casualties, but was advised to stay indoors.

The French commandos in full combat gear were called in to protect the foreign community, which includes some 2,000 French nationals and were standing guard in the European quarters of the town.


The heaviest fighting was in the African areas of the town, mostly around the twin-towered Al Faisal Mosque where most of the 500,000 predominantly Muslim inhabitants of the town live.

# Ten Palestinians held in Israel, papers say

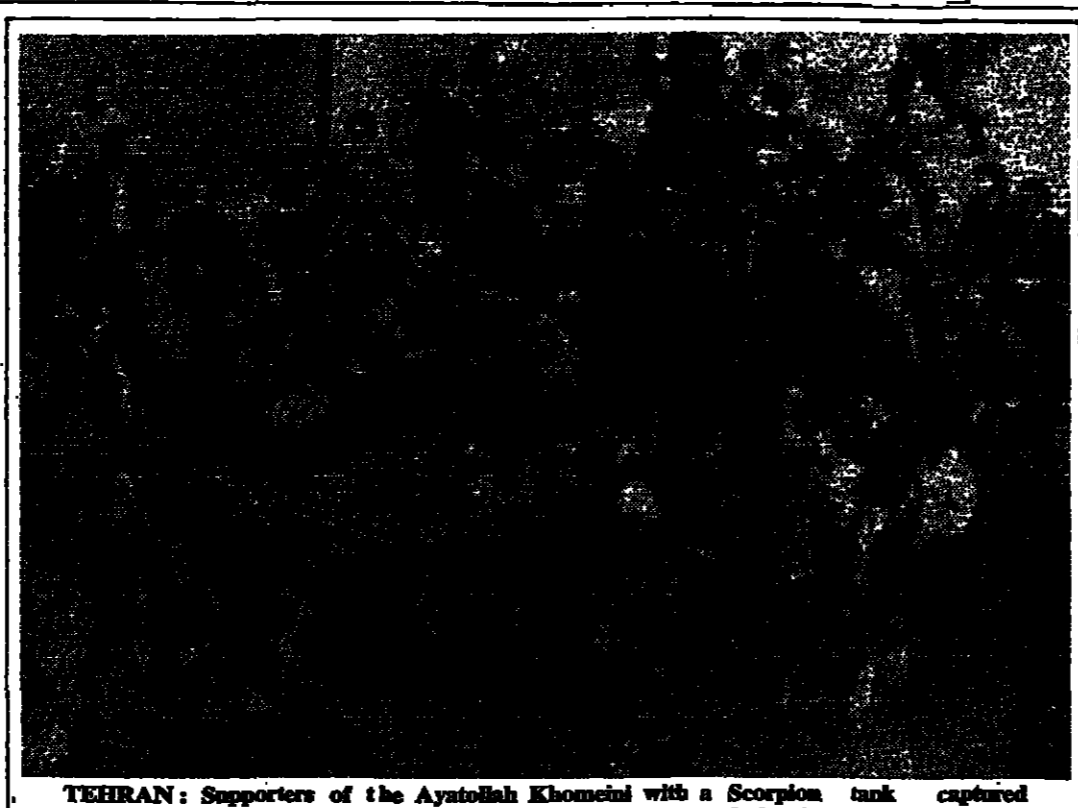
TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (AP)—Security forces have arrested ten Palestinians on suspicion of commando activities, Israeli press reports said Tuesday.

# Urquhart views South Lebanon with Arafat

BEIRUT, Feb. 13 (U.N.)—Under-Secretary Brian Urquhart has held talks with Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat on the situation in the Middle East, particularly in south Lebanon.

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TEHRAN: Supporters of the Ayatollah Khomeini with a Scorpion tank captured from the army during this week's fighting in the streets of the Iranian capital.

# Lone voice of optimism

## Denktash predicts Cyprus talks

NICOSIA, Feb. 13 (R)—Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash Tuesday forecast that talks between his community and the Greek-Cypriots on a final solution to the Cyprus problem would begin either at the end of March or early April.

"I think there is a genuine attempt to start the talks and I think we have made headway in the right direction," he said on the fourth anniversary of the creation of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus after the 1974 Turkish invasion.

His optimistic remarks are in contrast to the widespread belief on the island that efforts to get the inter-communal talks going again are stalemated.

Asked about it, Denktash said, "In Cyprus you should always ignore the propaganda battle. It has nothing to do with the realities."

He said some of the problems holding up resumption of the talks had been resolved and added he was confident the remaining hurdles would be overcome.

# Cyprus queries reports on U.S. spy facilities

NICOSIA, Feb. 13 (R)—Cyprus has announced that it had asked Britain for an explanation of press reports that American monitoring equipment was being moved from Iran to British sovereign bases on the island.

The equipment, according to reports in a British newspaper and Cypriot newspapers, is designed to monitor Soviet nuclear missile tests and other Soviet military activity in the eastern Mediterranean.

The government said it had asked the British High Commission in Nicosia to investigate the reports and reply as soon as possible.

The high commission confirmed a message had been sent to the Foreign Office.

# Queen visits Kuwait oil field installations

KUWAIT, Feb. 13 (Agencies)—Queen Elizabeth went out under the blazing desert sun Tuesday on the second day of her state visit here to inspect Kuwait's huge oil installations.

The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, drove 30 kilometers along a wide desert highway to Ahmadi, the center of Kuwait's oil industry, dominated by the \$1-billion liquefied gas complex.

"The weather was awful when we left London, but it is lovely here," the Queen told newsmen Monday night during a reception aboard the Royal yacht Britannia, where she is staying during her visit.

Before the reception the queen and her husband attended a grand banquet at the palace of Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Women do not as a rule dine publicly with Sheikh Jaber, nor has he ever before greeted a female fellow-sovereign.

But he did so at Kuwait Airport Monday with a 21-gun Royal salute and a ceremonial guard.

At the dinner long tables groaned under scores of choice Arab and Western dishes, including roast lamb, prawns, souks and salads.

Nearly 150 Kuwaiti notables acclaimed the ruler as he led the Queen in to dine.

For a moment she looked nervous as the throng surged from an anteroom across a lofty palace chamber ringed by Corinthian columns.

But the hospitality was warm, as were the cheers at the airport of some 1,000 people who pressed close to the Royal limousine—something the British had not expected.

The Queen wore a gown with sleeves to her wrists so as not to show her arms.

The Gulf's oil and the lucrative contracts at stake for the British industry in the area as well as the unease here about the turmoil in Iran, make this tour one of the most important the Queen has made during 27 years on the throne.

It is also the most delicate, fraught with anxieties about protocol in an area where it would be easy for a woman sovereign of a former imperial power to give offense.

But it seemed improbable that the Queen would offend. She greeted the ruler with an inclination of her head which seemed to suggest a slight, regal bow.

She arrives in Saudi Arabia Feb. 17.



The Queen

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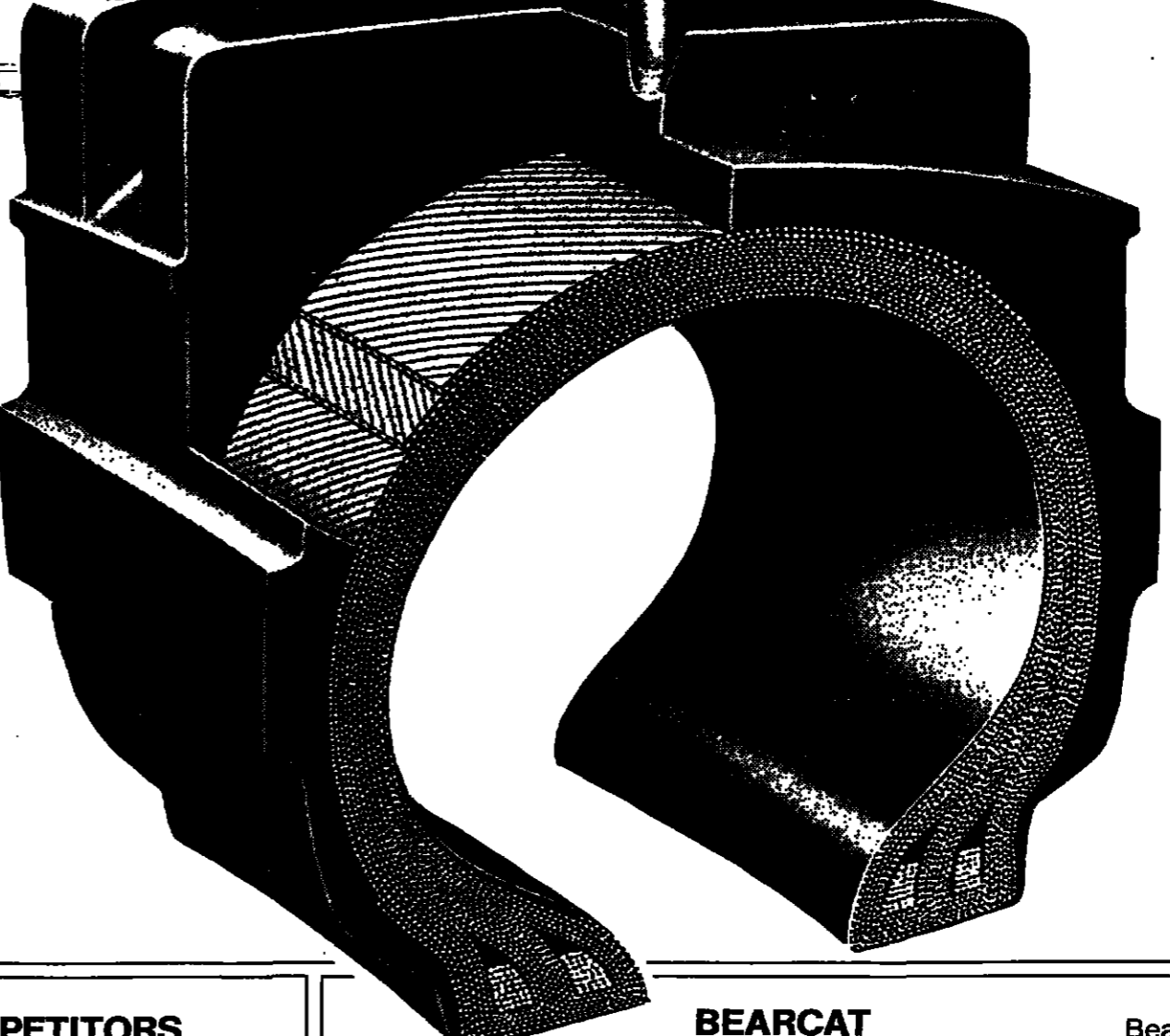
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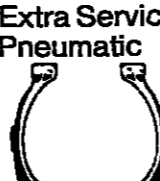
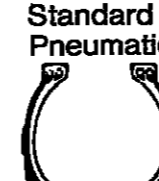



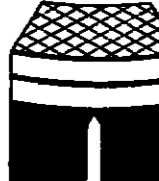
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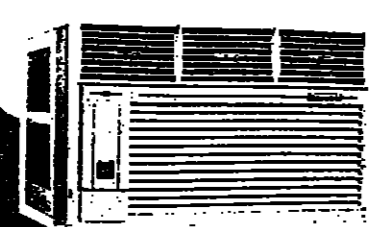
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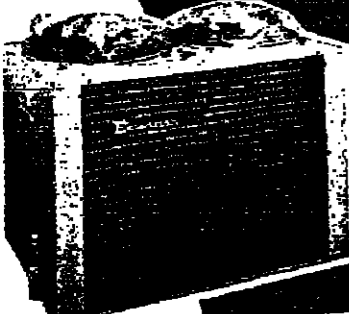
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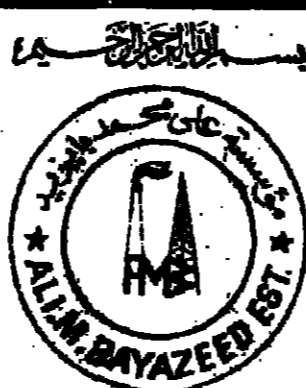




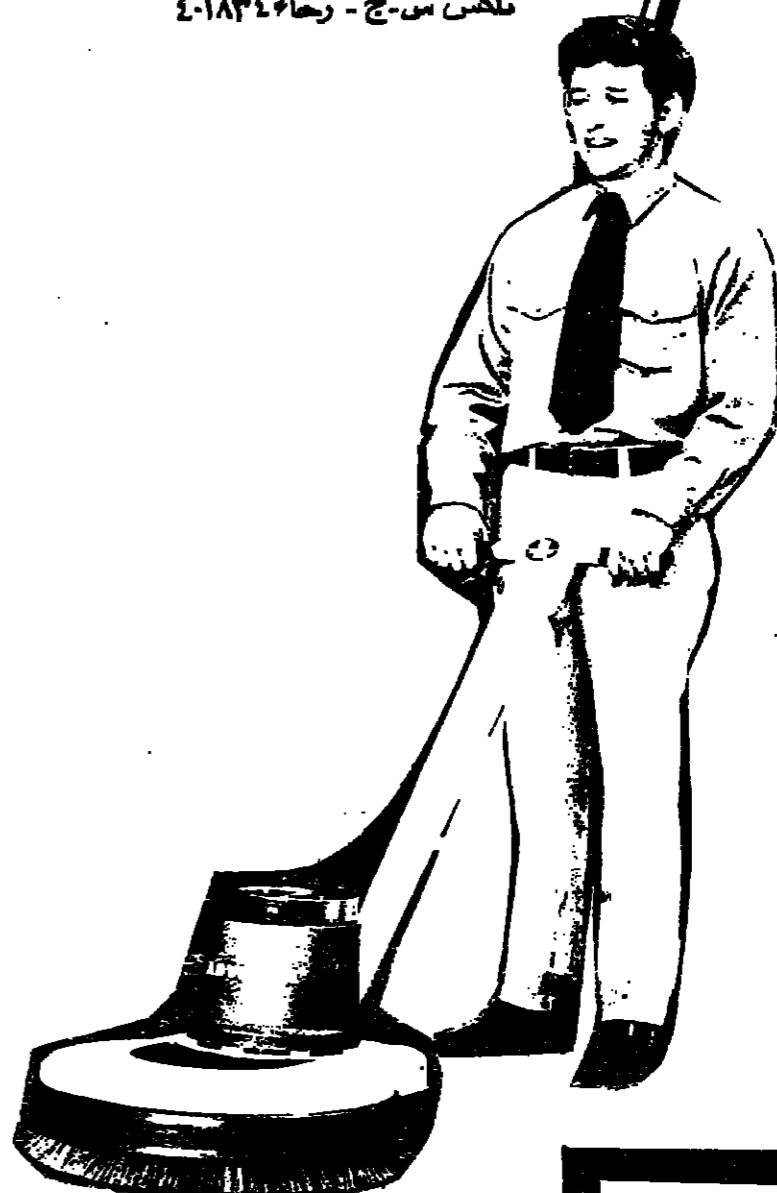
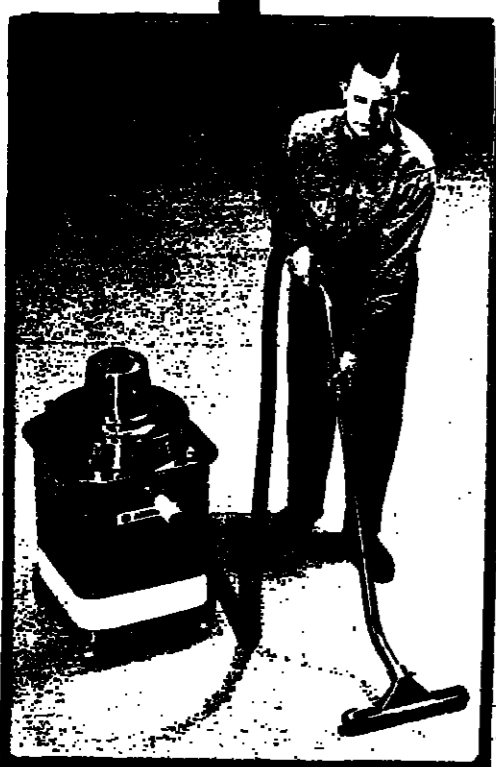




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